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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 February 2005.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2/3/05.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The process steps of claim 1 are not clear to the examiner. The language "cause said ingredient (B) to deposit" is not understood. Deposit where, and on what? It appears the process claimed is a simple mixing process, followed by cooling. If applicants feel additional process steps are present in the claim, the claim should be rewritten so that each process step is clearly delineated.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Horiuchi et al, US 4,486,334.

Horiuchi et al teach a method for making a pearlescent composition wherein a surfactant and a mixture of ethylene glycol stearate and ethylene glycol palmitate is

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mixed and then cooled (col. 5, example 1). As this reference meets all material limitations of the claims at hand, the reference is anticipatory.

5. Claims 3 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Decoster, US 6,294,160.

Decoster teaches a pearlescent shampoo comprising a surfactant and a mixture of ethylene glycol distearate and ethylene glycol dipalmitate (col. 6, example). As this reference meets all material limitations of the claims at hand, the reference is anticipatory.

6. Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Decoster, US 6,294,160 in view of Miyajima et al, US 6,417,146.

Decoster teaches a pearlescent shampoo comprising a surfactant and a mixture of ethylene glycol distearate and ethylene glycol dipalmitate (col. 6, example). The shampoo appears to be formed by simple mixing, and explicit mention is not made of a cooling step. The examiner maintains however, that the very act of mixing a composition will result in at least some heating as a result of the mechanical energy being imparted to the composition, and so, a cooling step, even if the cooling is only a slight amount, is inherently present in any mixing process, even if not specifically mentioned by the reference. As this reference meets all material limitations of the claims at hand, the reference is anticipatory.

In the alternative, Miyajima et al teach a pearlescent shampoo comprising a surfactant and an ethylene glycol distearate pearlescent agent wherein the composition is mixed, then heated and cooled with stirring (col. 5, examples 1-3). One of ordinary skill in the art, reading the Decoster reference, would understand that a pearlescent shampoo must be heated and cooled as the composition is being mixed, based on the teachings of Miyajima et al.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles I. Boyer whose telephone number is 571 272 1311. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 9:30 to 6:00.

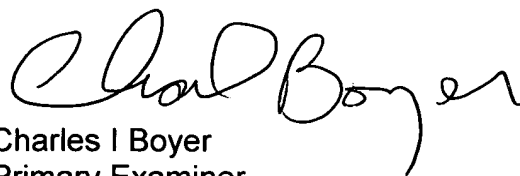
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Douglas McGinty can be reached on 571 272 1029. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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